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## 'Inappropriate relationship' brings down chief

Will York  
Managing Editor

After admitting to having a sexual relationship with a female police officer, Rick Hatler, UTM police chief and Department of Public Safety director, has submitted his resignation from employment at UTM.

Hatler, 55, who joined Public Safety in 1999 from the City of Dallas Police Department, told Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten he had an "inappropriate relationship" with Officer Janet Copeland, 38, in mid-July.

Hooten and the Office of Finance and Administration oversees Public Safety's operations.

Copeland, now pregnant, joined the UTM police force

in December 2005. She previously worked from 1992 to 1995 as a security guard and for Parking and Security.

"What happened was the failure of humankind as usual," Hooten said, referring to Hatler's behavior. "We decided [the relationship] would compromise his ability to lead the office, and we thought it would be better for him to resign."

Hatler tendered his resignation letter to Hooten July 28, effective Aug. 31. In the letter, Hatler said, "My resignation is being tendered so that I may pursue other opportunities."

He added his tenure with Public Safety was a pleasant experience.

After agreeing to leave the university, Hatler asked Hooten for some time to

find a new position, which Hooten granted. Hatler has been on paid administrative leave since tendering his resignation letter, so as to not "hurt the morale of the officers" and to give Hatler an opportunity to seek other employment, Hooten said.

While on leave, he will receive nearly \$5,000 in regular salary.

Until Hooten names a replacement, UTM Police Capt. Ray Coleman, assistant director of Public Safety, will work as acting director.

While there is no university policy against relationships among staff members, Hooten said police department employees should be

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# Viewpoints

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## Editorial Board

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### Our View

## Editorial: The \$134,000 question: Where's the yearbook?

When people pay \$17 for something, they want to see the purchase in their hands in a timely manner.

Two years by any stretch of the imagination is not timely.

Many students are becoming aggravated and angry that year after year they continue to pay \$17 for a yearbook and have nothing to show for it. Nothing.

The blame lies with *The Spirit* staff and their lack of work ethic.

We advocate an entire overhaul of the staff policy that continues to hire incompetent people every year.

We agree with Dr. Nanney; the yearbook has yet to catch up to the 21st century. In the age of MySpace and Facebook, there is really no need for a printed yearbook.

Students pay enough

**THE PROBLEM:**  
*The Spirit* is a product of a bygone era.

**THE SOLUTION:**  
Bring the yearbook online with a printing option.

Many things at UTM would better benefit from the special \$17 yearbook fee.

Only a few people really care about UTM's "misplaced" yearbooks. Most people are angry that they have been swindled out of \$17.

*The Spirit* is exactly what the name implies: something that doesn't exist in the real world, but is alive in the minds of a very few.

We hope that the UTM Publications Board will address this issue in a real-world way.

We hope they will find an intelligent solution to the yearbook debacle. Additionally, we advocate a refund to the affected students.



## Letters to the Editor

### Student wonders over missing yearbooks

I am so frustrated over the yearbooks. I have been a student since the fall of 2003 and paying that yearbook fee every semester and I have never once received a yearbook! I know that the fee each semester is not a lot but when you add them up that is a small sum to pay for nothing in return. I don't think that we should have to pay for those books unless we order them. You know, just like high schools, middle schools, elementary schools and even primary schools. Where is the money going if we the students aren't getting the yearbooks we are charged for every semester?

Tammy Roland  
Bachelor of University

### Sciences Martin

### Student says no to meat

I couldn't help but notice the posters with the pig saying, "No, I don't have any spare ribs!" around campus. They remind me of when I visited a pig farm. Hundreds of pigs were packed tightly in a tiny building and forced to lie on concrete covered, in their own waste. The farmer told me he had just lost 30 of them to pneumonia.

The pigs were scared at first, but eventually one of the braver ones approached me and looked me right in the eyes. I thought of my dog who used to look up at me with those same hopeful, pleading eyes when he wanted my attention. My heart broke. I realized

then that just like my dog, pigs are intelligent, sensitive, social individuals with their own personalities and desires. I couldn't help but think about the cruelty and neglect, the short life, and the terrifying, violent slaughter that awaited these pigs. I would never let my dog be treated the way the pigs on this farm were, and I realized I couldn't support that suffering anymore.

I never regretted becoming a vegetarian. For more detailed information check out my website: <http://www.myspace.com/stop-animalcruelty411>

Kimberly Laster  
Psychology  
Salt Lake City

## Hurricane Katrina: one year later

One year ago today I, as many of you were, was glued to the television watching the devastating Hurricane Katrina ravish the southeastern region of our country and namely New Orleans.

In the past year with the extended news coverage and media frenzy over this event, what can be said about Hurricane Katrina that has not already been covered before? Of course we are all very familiar with the sub par efforts of FEMA and the criticism of President Bush, but the untold story of Katrina does not lie between the lines of the government bureaucracy and the presidency.

Instead, the real story is the national spirit of camaraderie which Katrina has truly brought to the fore-

  
Jon-Michael St. Amant  
Advertising Manager

front of this nation.

This nation was an underdog straight out of the gate and I believe that this pretense has instilled in our nation a raging will to preserve our current way of life throughout the decades from our birth. The destruction of New Orleans pushed a sense of national preservation into the minds of Americans. The people of Louisiana were not the only ones who felt the challenge to rebuild, restructure and repair.

A wide range of citizens took the fragile state into their collective hands and

began to mold it. People from all around the nation started pouring in their time, finances, and talents into New Orleans to make a change.

Many of you might have seen a few news features on television displaying one group's efforts or one person's struggle. However, it is the national effort and the national struggle that is truly newsworthy.

A year after Katrina, I would like to write that New Orleans is the vivacious city it once was. However, this is not the case. One thing is for sure; in the sordid country we live in, I feel a bit more at ease in a post-Katrina world. A world of hope and camaraderie to pick up any pieces, for whatever reason they may fall.



Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

## New start brings on new stress

Well, you made it. You're here at UTM and ready to start the rest of your life. From all of us who've been through this before, welcome! All around you are strange and exciting things: a new school and campus, new faces, and new ways of doing things. You're on your own as an adult for the first time in your life and you probably can't wait to dive right in and get started with your classes. Maybe you're even looking forward to proving yourself on that first exam. Okay, I was pushing it with that one.

Freshman year is filled with new experiences that are both exciting and scary at the same time, and even though not many will admit it, most new students also feel anxious and stressed. So relax and take a deep breath. We're all here to help you. In the time I've been here, I've not met one person who was rude when I asked a question or needed help in some way. And if you do meet someone who is, remember, they aren't God's gift to the campus and what goes around comes around.

With that said, there are some things that you can do to help ease the stress and homesickness that you might be feeling now or in the future. First, just because you're in college now doesn't mean you have to grow up in one day and cut yourself off from family and old friends. Call, e-mail, and visit them and encourage them to do the same. If you haven't brought some favorite things from home, have them sent. And talk to your roommates because they're going through the same things.

Yes, you're going to be surrounded by parties and clubs to join. Great! Have fun, but remember to take care of yourself, too. Don't go off and do something stupid just because mom and dad aren't here to check on you. Try to eat something healthy, at least every now and then. Go out and get some fresh air and exercise, and God knows you're going to need sleep.

As for the nitty gritty of college life, i.e. classes, you're going to have to do some planning here. The first couple weeks are going to go fairly slowly as we all ease into a new semester. Then the professors are going to let you have it with assignments, papers and exams, and they're not going to hold your hand and guide you through it all. They'll tell you what they want and when they want it and expect you to have it ready. Get a planner and write it all down. Break it down day by day if you have to. Just don't wait until the day it's due to suddenly remember and then try to come up with some stupid excuse. They've heard it all before and aren't buying any of it.

UTM is a great school with people who really care about you, and now you're one of us. Let the journey begin.

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**Hatler: Continued from Cover**

said Copeland is still undecided about whether she will return to UTM after giving birth.

Neither Hatler nor Copeland responded to repeated phone messages requesting comment.

Sources close to The Pacer said Copeland felt intimidated after Hatler told her to keep their relationship private. The Pacer learned Copeland then went to

Coleman and Public Safety Lt. Darrell Simmons, who took her complaint to university administrators.

Despite her concern, Copeland did not file sexual harassment complaint against Hatler.

Ann Duncan, director of the Office of Equity and Diversity, which handles sexual harassment charges, said she spoke with both parties, but no formal griev-

ance was filed.

"It was handled in the office and was more or less unofficial," Duncan said. "They just came in and talked about the issue. There was no mediation. They were two colleagues who had a disagreement."

Duncan declined further comment, citing confidentiality concerns.

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan also declined

comment on the matter, saying only Coleman is managing Public Safety professionally.

Shortly, Hooten will form a search committee to find Hatler's replacement. The committee would probably be small and have a regional scope, though a timeline for naming a new director is not yet in place, Hooten said.

**Yearbook: Continued from Cover**

of the 2004 book, The Spirit has been forced to pay close to \$5,000 in postage to send the book to graduates and people who left campus before the book's printing.

Parrish said she has yet to name a staff for the 2007 yearbook, saying she wants to focus her efforts on finding a way to finish both the 2005 and 2006 yearbooks.

Parrish is also the adviser to The Pacer, UTM's student newspaper, which receives funds from the general student activities fee.

2006 Coeditor Kim Farrell said having staff members quit in March strained efforts to finish the already-behind-schedule 2006 yearbook.

After the 2005 yearbook failed to meet deadline, Ferrell told The Pacer she "guaranteed" the 2006 yearbook would be completed on time, but she made that promise before last year's string of complications.

"We didn't even get our bid until late last semester," Farrell said. "Then, half our staff quit. It was hard getting people to come to work. The main cause [for the delay] was an uncooperative staff."

She said there were many times when she and Dailey were the only people working on The Spirit, without a faculty adviser. Former Communications instructor Jim Bruce, the last yearbook adviser, left UTM in

May 2005 and has yet to be replaced, leaving Parrish to oversee the yearbook's completion.

Robert Nanney, Department of Communications chair, said he is disappointed the yearbook has been delayed three consecutive years.

"We're looking at ways to fix this problem," Nanney said. "I can assure [students] we will be fair. We're trying once and for all to fix this."

This year's delay comes on

the heels of a similar delay in producing last year's yearbook. The 2005 edition of The Spirit, which was scheduled for delivery in May 2005, but Parrish said last year's yearbook has still yet to be completed.

As for the 2005 yearbook, Parrish decided to trim the originally proposed 224-page 2005 book to 208 pages, but there are still 20 pages yet to be made. And there is no staff to make them. To improvise, Parrish said she is using work-studies to finish last year's book.

"I attempted to direct work-studies to collect the

photos we needed and other items so the affected pages could be finished, but every time a crisis occurred or people were needed for other things [around the Department of Communications office], the yearbook was the one on the back burner," Parrish said.

Last year's yearbook staff cited technology problems as the reason behind the delay, with Editor Kevin Anderson saying several pages were lost after he accidentally deleted the login password on his

computer. After Anderson graduated in May 2005, he left the yearbook in Ferrell and Dailey's hands.

But Ferrell and Dailey were already busy trying to produce the now-delinquent 2006 yearbook.

Parrish and her work-studies are doing their best to finish the 2005 yearbook, even though few know the software necessary for assembling the book.

"We are dedicated to finishing the '05 yearbook within the next month," Parrish said.

But hopefully, a remedy to the series of delays plagu-

ing The Spirit the last three years is upcoming.

The Publications Board, which oversees The Spirit and other student publications, will meet within one month, and Parrish said the yearbook will be the central item of discussion. She hopes to "revamp" the current yearbook and make it a viable publication – even if that means scrapping the traditional printed, bound edition.

"What [Beanswitch literary magazine Adviser] Leslie LaChance and I would like most to happen is for the current yearbook fee to be reduced and become an overall student publication fee," Parrish said. "We want it reduced partly to reduce the burden on students, and because we believe we can cut some costs in other areas."

Parrish added moving toward an online yearbook with printing option would be an option the board would consider. She said the board is eyeing conducting a campus-wide survey to gauge students' opinions on the yearbook, and how to best meet their expectations.

Nanney too is less-than-optimistic about the future of printed yearbooks.

"Students overall in society don't value a yearbook as much [as in the past]," he said. "I know the board is looking at several options."

**Housing: Continued from Cover**

longer have to pay a \$500 "buy-out" fee to live off campus.

"One of the reasons is lack of space," said Wright. "We'll see how the program works. If everything works

well, we hope to continue it."

Additionally, Housing has raised rent at university apartments. Wright cites rising energy and other costs as the culprit.

"It's just a lot of the things that we deal with go up," Wright said.

However, Wright says that UTM's apartments, and housing in general, are some of the cheapest among

other regional universities.

"It's wonderful to have everyone back. We're trying to get everyone settled to where they can be happy."

**Summer Wrap****Webb retires after 41 years****Staff Reports**

This year Chancellor Nick Dunagan lost a great asset to his office after administrative assistant Shelby Webb retired on May 31 after 41 years of service to UTM.

"I have only one regret and that is that I will not be here when my eldest grandson starts college in the fall," Webb said.

When asked what she plans on doing after retiring she said, "Whatever. My husband has been retired for eight years so we can go to the lake and fish, maybe do a little traveling. I have five grandchildren so I can spend time with them, too."

She first began working for the university when she was 23 years old. She started as the secretary to the Dean of Women, and then went on maternity leave to have her second child. On returning to the university she worked at the Women's Residence Hall until 1989 when she began working for Dunagan. She has remained with him ever since.

"She's calm, smooth, and she's just wonderful. The university will miss her," said Dunagan.

Some of her specific duties were correspondence, scheduling, filing, organizing special events, and answering the phone. She laughs about one phone call, "I have had calls from people telling me the swimming pool is too cold."

"We have mixed emotions. She's such an asset to the office, but it's important to spend time with your family so it's a good move for her," said coworker Dorothy Gillon.

Webb even wrote an advice list for her replacement so they will be better prepared to take over.

"There are a lot of fond memories here. The university is a wonderful place to work. It's what we are all about, educating young people," said Webb.

**UTM faculty elected to national advisory board****Staff Reports**

Dr. Joan K. West, Director of the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts at UTM, was recently elected to the advisory board of the Grants Resource Center (GRC) in Washington, D.C. Serving a two-year term on the board, effective July 1, West joins eight other advisory board members from U.S. colleges and universities in supporting the GRC, a component of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). AASCU represents more than 400 public colleges, universities and systems of higher education throughout the United States and its territories. The GRC supports the realization of institutional goals and program development initiatives through timely and detailed information on funding opportunities, personalized support to meet specific campus needs and promotion of networking among sponsored programs professionals.

Dr. West will be one of two representatives of public, four-year institutions of higher education with a full-time enrollment between 5,000 and 10,000 students. Since her arrival at UTM, external funding has increased from \$2.6 million per year to almost \$11 million annually and indirect cost recovery has increased by 400 percent. In her capacity as director, West also is the chief research officer and the compliance officer for the university. She also is a graduate faculty member in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at UTM, and is a member of the Fiscal Policies Advisory Task Force and the COEUS Task Force for the UT System.

In 2004, she was awarded the Outstanding Administrative Award by the Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education for her contributions to the university. West has numerous papers, presentations and workshops to her credit and recently co-authored a manuscript published in the spring 2006 Special Edition of the College Student Affairs Journal. She and a colleague were successful in securing funding for a new business venture in West Tennessee through USDA with a grant proposal that was ranked No. 1 out of 379 submitted nationally. West serves on the advisory board for the Carl Perkins Child Advocacy Group for Weakley and Obion counties and is a member of the American Educational Research Association, the Mid-South Education Research Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

"These are exciting and challenging times in the world of grant-seeking," said West. "We do not secure external funding alone. Being a member of the GRC Advisory Board will provide me opportunities to develop a stronger collegiality with research officers and sponsored programs directors from all the AASCU member institutions. This opportunity will also allow me to mentor others who may be just starting their careers in the external funding environment."

**News making you MAD?**

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**Campus Bulletin Board**

**The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.**

**Math Lab**

If you need help in mathematics, the UTM Math Lab is offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities B 103 A (Basement), and from 4-9 p.m. in Humanities 408-406. There is no tutoring on Fridays.

**English Lab**

The English Writing Center will be offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Humanities 209 and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities 209.

**Reading Lab**

The UTM Reading Lab will offer free tutoring to those who wish to improve their reading

skills on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 226 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 226.

**Open Forum Bible Study**

A fall semester Bible study concerning true Bible salvation, a holy life, Godly repentance and much more will be available. It will take place every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in UC room 209. Bring your questions and come study with us.

**SAC Events**

SAC will be showing Deal or No Deal at 7 p.m. in the UC Watkins Auditorium and a movie at 9 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium on Wednesday,

Aug. 30.

**Free Picnic**

UTM students are invited to a free picnic at the Martin First Assembly of God on Mt. Pelia Rd. (beside the BP station) on Thursday, Aug. 31. Free food, prizes from area stores and restaurants, basketball and volleyball will be offered. For directions or for pick-up, call 731-587-6349.

**Intramural Soccer**

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Soccer this semester. A captain's meeting and free agent's meeting will be held Sept. 6 at 5 p.m., and an official's training will meet Sept. 4-5 at 5 p.m. The cost

for participation in this event is \$55 and will be located in the Elam Center. Play begins Sept. 10. For more information, call 881-7745.

**Intramural Kickball**

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Kickball this semester. A player's meeting and sign-up deadline will be held Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$20 and will be located in the Elam Center. Meeting in the Fieldhouse Room 2059. Play begins Sept. 18. For more information, call 881-7745.

**Intramural Tennis Tourney**

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Ten-

nis Tourney this semester. A player's meeting and sign-up deadline will be held Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$10 and will be located in the Elam Center. Meeting will be in Fieldhouse Room 2059. Play begins Sept. 18. For more information, call 881-7745.

**Intramural Golf**

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Golf this semester. Deadline for entry is Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. The cost for participation in the two-man 9-hole best ball scramble is \$30 and will take place at the Wynridge Golf Club. Tee off is at 3:30 p.m. Play begins Sept. 20. For more information, call 881-7745.

## Campus loses communications professor

Students pay their respects by contributing to Dorotha Norton Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth Watts  
Executive Editor

\$1,405 has been raised to fund a scholarship endowment honoring Dorotha Norton since her June 23 death.

Since the inception of the fund on April 1, 2005, about \$22,000 has been committed to the endowment, established by UTM communications alumni in honor of Norton's accomplishments at UTM.

Former students Paul Alexander, Kent Landers, David Parker, R. Lemoyne Robinson and Scottie Hughes were members of a committee promoting the scholarship and worked on garnering donations. The committee announced the formation of the endowment at the 2005 Communications Career Day.

The Norton scholarship is to be rewarded annually to a Communications student who has excellent public speaking skills. Because the scholarship is an endowment, only the interest made from the money will be dispensed.

"It has been so gratifying to see Professor Norton's students and colleagues donating to her scholarship fund. They see this as a tangible way to show their sympathy and also to ensure that her legacy is honored," said Dr. Robert

"Dorotha Norton was an invaluable member of the Communications Department."

- Abbey Dane  
UTM Communications Alumna

Nanney, Chair of the Communications department.

Norton had been a UTM faculty member since 1966, when she began her career as an English instructor. After the establishment of the Communications Department in 1978, she began teaching classes in public speaking and voice and diction.

"Dorotha Norton was an invaluable member of the Communications Department. She continuously showed love and dedication to her work and for her students. Anyone who had her in class knew from day one she was there to challenge you and see you succeed," said Abbey Dane, UTM Communications alumna.

In 2006, Norton received the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. Norton also received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. The Norton endowment was also presented to Norton in 2005.



Dorotha Norton

"It was a total shock to lose such a dear colleague and friend as Professor Norton, and it is still very difficult for all of us, especially as we begin classes without her for the first time. There is no way to fully replace her. As I tell my fellow faculty members and students almost daily, we will get through this one day at a time as a departmental family," said Nanney.

Norton died about 3 p.m. Friday, June 23 from a head injury at The Med in Memphis. The funeral was on June 26 at the First Baptist Church in Kenton where she was a resident. She is survived by her husband, Robert Norton, a daughter, Robbie Norton-Eddings from Kenton, a son, Ronnie Norton from Germantown and 3 grandchildren.

"She was a teacher, mentor, counselor and friend to each student who entered her classroom. She will be greatly missed and always remembered. There is no doubt that her legacy will live on for many years to come," said Dane.

## Campus 911 calls redirected to Martin Police Department

Heather Roland  
News Editor

As of Summer 2006, all 911 calls made on the UTM campus have been redirected to the Martin Police Department Dispatch, but don't worry, it is still the Department of Public Safety's goal to keep all occupants of UTM safe.

Before this summer, all emergency calls made on campus were directed to Public Safety Dispatch; however, changes in state regulations soon altered this method.

Public Safety Lieutenant Ray Coleman said that the state changed the requirements for communication centers across the state, which included some new technology and resources. Therefore, to meet all of these state requirements, all 911 calls made on the UTM campus will now be redirected to the Martin Police Department Dispatch.

Coleman said these new requirements have made the communications centers more coordinated. He continued by saying that these systems combine all emergency responders [fire, police, ambulance] into one, which then "streamlines notification and coordination of all responding agencies."

"The better the coordination, the better the response," said Coleman as he emphasized the importance of responding to the occupants of UTM.

Although Public Safety Dispatch will no longer receive direct 911 calls as of approximately July 1, 2006, Public Safety will be on their toes to help those in need on the UTM campus.

Coleman said that Public Safety is in direct contact with the Martin Police Department and that they will be there to respond.

"The only thing that has changed is where the call is coming from," Coleman said. "Nothing has changed as far as responses."

Martin Police Department Dispatch will simply dispatch the Public Safety officers and the other emergency services needed in an emergency. It will not take emergency services any longer to respond to the scene than normal.

"I think it [redirection of calls] will enhance the safety of UTM public with the new technology that is becoming available, as well as the new resources that are becoming available with the new communication system," said Coleman.

Public Safety Dispatch will continue to serve the UTM campus with the utmost diligence to protect its students, faculty and staff. They will work with the

### UTM Emergency Callbox Locations

- North of University Village under covered pavilion
- South of Sociology Building
- South of Gooch Hall
- Northeast corner of EPS Building
- North main entrance of Administration Building
- Southwest Corner of Lot 20 (East of Childcare Center)
- Southwest Wall of Student Life Center
- West side of 440 track
- Southwest Corner of Sheep Teaching Facility (grave Stables)

Martin Police Department maintain the police log and handle all other incoming calls to help meet the needs of those on campus.

If you feel that your safety is in danger, do not hesitate to call Public Safety or 911 by the way of your cell phone, dorm room telephone or emergency callboxes located in various places on campus. Put your safety first, by being aware of what is going on around you.

Public Safety and the Martin Police Department will be there to protect you when you need it; however, you are ultimately responsible for your own safety.

## UTM welcomes 41 new faculty members to campus

Elizabeth Watts  
Executive Editor

Out of UTM's 41 new faculty members, 27 have earned their doctorate.

"Out of the 41 faculty members hired, only 9 or 10 were for new positions," said Dr. Tom Rakes, UTM Provost.

The English department had the most new faculty with four new assistant professors and one new lecturer. However, the new faculty members are to fill positions that were left vacant last year.

"There are not exactly more teachers, because we had full-time faculty who left to other schools and temporary faculty who went back to school or took full-time positions," said Dr. Lynn Alexander, Co-Dean of College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

When a faculty member retires, a temporary faculty member is hired to fill the position for one or two years until the department

can search for a person to fill the position permanently.

"Because we live in a small rural community, not many people are qualified to teach English at a college level," said Alexander.

The Biology department was next with four new faculty members, 3 assistant professors and one instructor. The Mathematics department has one new assistant professor and two new lecturers.

"A new category of faculty we have this year is lecturer. A lecturer is on a non-tenure track and is hired on a yearly basis," said Rakes.

Faculty titles are based on education and experience. A lecturer is a faculty staff that has not started doctoral work. A lecturer is on a non-tenure track and is a year by year appointment. An instructor is a three year appointment. An instructor has the doctoral coursework completed, but has not completed their dis-

sertation.

Assistant professor, associate professor, and professor are promotions based on years of service at UTM and other appropriate criteria. Faculty holding these positions can be tenured.

Rakes also said that new faculty positions were created to accommodate the seven consecutive freshmen enrollments at UTM. More faculty positions are needed to keep up with the classes that are offered.

The new faculty members consists of the following people: Dr. Mira Ahn, assistant professor of interior design; Dr. Pamela S. Anderson, assistant professor of health and human performance; Diane L. Austin, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. Ervin Briones, assistant professor of psychology; John P. Bush, lecturer of mathematics; Dr. David Carithers, assistant professor of English; Dr. Eugene D. Carstea, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Christopher K. Coffman, assistant

professor of English; Bradley G. Coker, instructor of music; Jennifer Hill Cook, lecturer of education; Dr. Becky J. Cox, assistant professor of education; Dr. Betty A. Cox, assistant professor of education administration and supervision; Charyl A. Craddock, lecturer of mathematics; Dr. Richard Dodgson, assistant professor of history; Brian W. Donavant, assistant professor of criminal justice; Dr. Stan P. Dunagan, assistant professor of geology; Gordon E. Elliott, lecturer of social work; Dr. C. Bryan Foltz, assistant professor of information systems; Dr. Jennifer L. Greenwood, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Charles Hammond, assistant professor of German; A. Melanie Hollis, lecturer of theatre; Dr. Nathan D. Howard, assistant professor of history; Dr. Arthur W. Hunt III, assistant professor of communications; Dr. Nola S. Jones, assistant professor of music and director of bands; Dr. Michael J. Kempf, assistant

professor of biology; Dr. Ashley J. Kilburn, assistant professor of marketing; Dr. Linghong Li, assistant professor of physics; Linda W. Luther, faculty associate, department of nursing; and Dr. Elizabeth A. McClellan, assistant professor of geology; Dr. Sandra S. Murray, assistant professor of education administration and supervision; R. Shawn Nanney, lecturer of political science; Sandy G. Orr, assistant professor of library science; Dr. Elizabeth A. Powell, assistant professor of English; Dr. Jeffery M. Ray, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Timothy A. Russell, assistant professor of political science; L. Jeffrey Seaton, instructor of management; Michael W. Spaulding, lecturer of instructional technology; Jason T. Stout, assistant professor of art; Dr. Kathleen M. Vandenberg, assistant professor of English; Dr. Brian C. Wagner, assistant professor of mathematics; and Dr. David M. Williams, lecturer of English.

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UTM welcomes all new faculty members to the campus and hopes that they will enjoy their time here teaching our students. Have a great first year.

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# UTM student dies of meningitis

Scholarship fund could be initiated in honor of Woods

## Staff Reports

A scholarship fund may be in the works to honor a UTM student who died this summer.

According to the Development Office, inquiries have been made into the possibility of establishing the scholarship in the name of Jodi Woods of Lawrenceburg, who was a senior Special Education major when she died June 24.

Woods was diagnosed with a probable case of bacterial meningitis after she became ill and was taken to the emergency room at Martin's Volunteer Community Hospital on June 20, according to a UTM news release. She later was transferred to Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, where she died.

As soon as UTM officials learned of Woods' diagnosis, Student Health began working with state and local agencies to make sure all appropriate actions were taken to ensure the safety of other students, faculty, staff and the community. At the time, the Tennessee Department of Health did not recommend any change.

es in campus activities.

Shannon Deal, director of Student Health, was notified of Woods' condition on June 21 by the Weakley County Health Department. She immediately met with people identified as "direct contacts" of Woods, providing information about bacterial meningitis and its treatment.

In a phone interview yesterday, Deal said Woods' case has remained an isolated case. All of Woods' direct contacts were treated with a round of antibiotics to prevent any possible infection.

"It's a reportable disease and the county health department has not reported any other cases," Deal said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, meningitis is an infection (viral or bacterial) of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain. Viral meningitis is generally less severe, while bacterial meningitis may result in brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability or death."

The symptoms of meningitis include high fever,



Jodi Woods

headache and a stiff neck, and may also include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion and sleepiness. Symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take one to two days.

Early diagnosis is extremely important, according to the CDC, but, if caught early, bacterial meningitis can be treated with a number of antibiotics. Some forms of the disease are contagious, and the bacteria are spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (i.e., coughing, kissing). Thus, the "direct contacts" of someone with meningitis also usually are treated with antibiotics.

While Woods' case was an isolated case, this is not the case for many. If you think that you have or have

## Meningitis Symptoms

- High fever
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Discomfort looking into bright lights
- Nausea or vomiting
  - Confusion
  - Sleepiness

*If you feel that you could have or have come into contact with someone who has meningitis, contact your health professional immediately.*

come into contact with someone who has meningitis, contact your health care professional immediately.

The earlier the disease is detected the better chance of survival.

Woods will be greatly missed by many at UTM, but she will never be forgotten. She made an impact here at UTM just as all its students do.

For more information on the disease, go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

# Kickoff Luncheon to highlight Soybean Festival

## Staff Reports

The 13th Annual Soybean Festival will soon begin, and while several will enjoy the great musical entertainment and activities that intrigue people of all ages, the Soybean Festival offers a lot more.

One of the highlights of the Festival could be considered the Soybean Festival Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon, which includes good food, as well as featured speakers and Soybean Hall of Fame inductees.

This year's featured speaker is Scott Hughes. He is the director of governmental affairs for the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). Hughes has worked with NBB since 2002, and has previously served as the state regulatory affairs analyst responsible for tracking regulatory and legislative initiatives impacting biodiesel in the western United States. Hughes has also become a regulatory program director, which has enabled him to take a national focus on proposals impacting biodiesel.

Scott has a broad governmental affairs background, having worked on Capitol Hill, the Missouri legislature and governor's office, as well as in the California legislature under the speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives.

Other highlights of this luncheon will include the presentation of the "Big Bean" and "Martin Beautiful" awards.

"The soybean festival is a time for the community to come together and have a few days of fun and relax with friends," said Martin Mayor Randy Brundige. "Planning for the festival begins in February and

## Soybean Festival Luncheon

Date: September 5

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Boling UC

Costs: \$12

Deadline: August 30

*Tickets can be purchased at Martin City Hall or C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin. For more information, call 731-588-2507*

goes through August. This takes time and effort of the many volunteers. The sponsors are a huge part of the festival. Without them we could not put on the great event we have planned."

This year's Kickoff Luncheon will take place on Sept. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the UC. It is sponsored by Leland Powell and Sodexho Food Services. Luncheon tickets are \$12 each, and can be purchased by Aug. 30 at Martin City Hall, at 731-587-3126; or at C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin at 731-587-3148. For festival information, call 731-588-2507.

Anyone who wishes to attend the luncheon can do so after purchasing a ticket. It is not an invitation-only event, so the more the merrier.

The 13th Annual Soybean Festival looks as if it will be one of the best and promises to provide all of its visitors with an enjoyable variety of events.

Have fun at this year's festival, but remember to be safe so that you can enjoy next year's.

For more information about the festival and a complete schedule, visit their website at [www.tnsoybeanfestival.org](http://www.tnsoybeanfestival.org).

## Elam Center, Fieldhouse gain wireless access

### Staff Reports

Students, faculty, staff, and guests now have wireless access available in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center and the Fieldhouse for use from tablets, notebooks and pda's equipped with 802.11b wireless communication features.

The Paul Meek Library, the UC, Business Administration Building, Gooch Hall, Humanities, Com-

munications, Sociology, Brehm Hall, Dairy Barn, EPS, University Village, Holland McCombs, the Ag Pavilion, Greenhouse, the Power Generation Station and Fine Arts are already fully wireless. The addition of the Elam Center and Fieldhouse will allow almost continuous access across campus with more projects in line for the access connection.

Information Technology

Services have worked diligently to provide wireless service to as many areas as possible and as quickly as possible.

Currently, Information Technology Services are in progress of the wireless connection in the ROTC building. Shortly after this connection, the rest of the outdoor Quad, Student Life, and Clement will finish up the planned implementation of wireless.

Please contact the Helpdesk at 7900 if you have problems using the wireless network or to report any outages, where someone will readily assist you.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Black is in, and the 80's are back with a vengeance

Sara McIntosh  
Asst. Section Editor

The loudest question in the minds of students is not about what their class schedules will be like or what to expect from their prospective professors. Instead the infamous and often rhetorical question of "what am I going to wear?" seems to hold fast in the hearts of many UTM students this fall.

Regardless of whether a person is an incoming freshmen or a returning student, the back-to-school shopping experience is a common thread that binds the student population together. With much effort and deep research, the latest trends are exposed to help you recognize the must-haves for this season and shop accordingly.

According to a MSN shopping search, the most important color for every woman to have in their wardrobe this season is black. Now, please understand that pink, orange or brown are no longer the "new black." Instead, black has returned to the rightful position as the must-have color for the fall fashion season.

So whenever the task of shopping arises, buy black items that will coordinate with other black hues like "midnight" and "mystery black" because they are essential for formal attire as well as everyday business dress, according to MSN shopping. A Merle Norman Cosmetics television ad campaign suggests that women pair this look with make-up deemed "mod." All mod really refers to is dark eyes, pale lips, and rosy but lightly pink cheeks. This make-up style is great for those formal occasions as well as sweater-worthy weather.

Now that the color for all dress attire has been covered as well as the appropriate make-up for this season, what about the must-have item in jeans? Well for those of us who can remember dressing ourselves in the '80s, all those acid-wash and straight-legged jeans are making a drastic return, which is much to the dismay of fashion critics everywhere. Heather Hannan, public relations manager for Macy's, said that the reason for the 80's revival is because many of the younger consumers believe these trends to be new to them, which prompts their desire for these fashions. "Back-to-school fashion this year is really about the '80s revival -- leggings, layers, chunky jewelry, oversized sweaters and skinny bottoms," says Hannan.

Not only are the straight-legged or "skinny" jeans making an appearance on the fashion runways this season, but stores that cater to the young and hip are bringing these back with a vengeance. Old Navy and The Gap have been advertising these jeans as the new hot item for everyone to own this season. To keep in fashion with these jeans,



Leggings, pencil skirts and polo shirts are just a few of the must-have fashions for the fall.

critics say that a nice pair of pointy heels will make anyone look as if they came straight out of a retro MTV video.

As if there wasn't enough of a '80s trend return, in an ABC News report featuring the editor-in-chief of *Teen* magazine, Atoosa Rubenstein, the suspender is also deemed as an essential purchase for back-to-school shoppers. This fashion accessory is not just for pairing with jeans, it can be extended for pairing with skirts and shorts. Rubenstein also recommends that any layering done with suspenders should be done with the emphasis being on the suspenders.

With the straight-legged jeans making a return to the fashion industry, keep in mind that all the denim jackets and skirts are also still fashionable. Pencil skirts, which can be made out of denim or any other material, are still seen as being flattering to most every body type as long as the look is paired with fashion kept in mind. Pairing a pencil skirt with a plain sheer shirt covered with a corduroy blazer or denim jacket that hits at the hips will keep you looking like a fashion "do" instead of a fashion "don't," according to Rubenstein. With such a simple look, keep the accessories simple but noticeable with the emphasis on everything above the skirt, which is complimentary to every body type.

Tunics are everywhere this season so expect to have at least a couple in your wardrobe for this semester. Not only does pairing the tunic with the low-rise jeans help flatter most everyone, but it also draws attention to the areas that are being covered up. This look allows for more modesty without being covered up in a Victorian-era wardrobe. If you can pull off a shorter skirt, Rubenstein says you should pair it with a longer tunic to help balance out the

look. Belts worn low and asymmetric with tunics are also hot this season and critics suggest bigger, bulkier belts to accent the figure.

Another fashion accessory to include in your wardrobe is a set of leggings. Keep in mind that the best way to wear leggings is to keep them underneath a shorter skirt or a pair of short, cropped pants. Hannan suggests that leggings should be worn to contrast the overall color scheme of the outfit and are an excellent compliment to any light or dark-washed denim miniskirt. Keep stripes with bold colors in mind when shopping for leggings.

With so much emphasis placed on the latest trends for the ladies, what can be expected of men for this school year? Well, for starters, men should buy polos or rugby shirts with contrasting color schemes. Not only are these shirts visually appealing but they accent an individual's personality with the color choices offering so much variation. Guys should expect to pair these shirts with jeans that also reflect an '80s influence. Bleach wash, dark wash, and even black washed jeans are going to be everywhere, so expect to have a few pairs in your closets, guys.

Also, plaid is in, thanks to a "British Invasion," according to Lisa Strubel from The Children's Place. Plaid will be in various colors to cater to the individual tastes of the men out there. Also, Strubel recommends pairing these plaids with cargo jeans or trousers for a more rugged look.

Anything preppy in your closet is still appropriate for this season because many retailers are recognizing the consumers' focus on the collegiate type of look. Shirts with buttons as well as the "varsity-inspired" color schemes are a must-have for any collegiate gentleman this season, according to Strubel. Guys need to layer their polos or rugby shirts with softer undershirts to pull off the layered look that is fashionable for men. The graphic tee is a must have for any male closet because it offers a simple shirt to be layered with a contrasting over shirt.

Regardless of your age or gender, the best way to prepare for the back to school shopping is to find someone from the '80s and rummage through their closet. Not only do the looks from this time seem quite fashionable, but many looks are dealing with the comfort of the consumers. Buy clothes appropriate to your body type and you will always be seen as fashionable because the emphasis on skin is becoming a fashion faux pas. Instead, show off your figure by accessorizing with belts at the hip or more straight-legged jeans. Layering is an essential fashion trend that everyone must follow in order to revive the look from the "Back to the Future" movies of yesteryear.

## The movie about a bunch of snakes loose on a plane

Rachel Rogers  
Arts and Entertainment  
Editor

If you are all ready afraid to fly, then this is *not* the movie for you.

Probably the most hyped-up movie of the summer, *Snakes on a Plane* is just about that, a lot of snakes on a big plane. Now most of you will probably be disappointed, because there was absolutely little to no press about this movie until it was released last Friday. But perhaps you should know what you're getting into before you decide to go see it.

For those of you who have been scratching your head all summer and wondering what on earth the movie was about, here you go:

A young man named Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips) is out riding around in Hawaii when he sees crime boss Eddie Kim brutally murder a man. Later that evening, Eddie's men attack Sean at his apartment. But thankfully, he is rescued by FBI agent Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson), who wants Sean to fly with him to LA to testify against Kim. Sean agrees, and so the adventure starts.

Kim discovers that Sean is on his way to testify against him, and so thinks of a rather ingenious plan of taking him out: he gets a bunch of snakes onto the plane that the FBI agents--and Sean--are traveling on, sprays all of the lei's with pheromones that will make the snakes go crazy, and sends them all on their way.

This is where a warning should be inserted. If you are afraid of snakes, then you should probably sit this one out. While none of the snakes were actually real (thanks to computer-generated imaging), they look alarmingly real. And there



FBI Agent Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson) calls for some help regarding the hundreds of snakes that have been let loose on the plane.

are a lot of them. Also, there are quite a few interesting death scenes that may or may not have you turning away from the movie screen a number of times.

The movie does have its funny moments, such as the time a man goes to use the bathroom, and a snake decides to give him a bite in a rather sensitive area, and the time that one of the flight attendants throws a snake into a microwave and cooks it. And we can't forget the moment that Agent Flynn informs Flight Attendant Claire (Julianna Margulies) that he hasn't noticed the heat because he's from Tennessee. This line elicited quite a few cheers from those of us who have been living in the high summer heat of Tennessee ourselves.

The movie does have a happy ending, thankfully, though you might find yourself wanting to cry when the snakes begin attacking people en masse. Or you may want to cheer when the annoying man gets eaten by the giant anaconda. Sean survives, the plane lands safely (though not before Flynn blows a giant hole in the side of it) and the few survivors that are left live happily ever

after. It also has the moral of teamwork, showing how everyone working together and putting aside their cultural differences can help save everyone that is left alive long enough to land the plane.

Despite the large amounts of snakes and the large number of bodies, this movie does have something to offer to everyone. It's quite a thriller for those of you who like the action, and it's scary enough to qualify as a date movie. And there is just a hint of romantic involvement between Flynn and Claire, and Sean and Tiffany (Sunny Mabrey), the attractive flight attendant.

All in all, the movie wasn't too bad, though you might have to wait a couple of weeks before you go see it for the second time. And it is rather interesting how this movie remained basically a secret for over a year, and people still couldn't wait to go see it on opening day. Of course, we have the Internet and TV mainly to thank for all the hype the movie generated. But you're definitely going to think twice before you step foot on a plane any time in the near future.

## Singer Alice Marie finds a spark of goodness in PMS

Rachel Rogers  
Arts & Entertainment  
Editor

If you like hot tea and horror movies, then Alice Marie is the woman for you.

Alice Marie is one of the many musicians that you'll find roaming the hallowed halls of MySpace Music, one of the fastest growing arenas of unsigned artists today. With a sound that's been described as Enya meets Alanis Morissette, Alice Marie is one artist you definitely don't want to miss out on.

"When I saw Olivia Newton-John in Grease, I knew I wanted to sing," says Alice Marie. "When I heard Stevie Nicks sing 'Rhiannon', I knew I wanted to be a rock-n-roll enchantress. When I mainlined Kate Bush and Tori Amos' music, I knew I wanted to write songs and create drama in the studio."

One of the things that sets her apart from most other rockers is her choice of the piano instead of rip-roaring guitars. "My parents chose the piano," says Alice Marie. Piano lessons at age seven were followed by years of upheaval and running away from music (which you can hear about in her song "Lipstick Diaries"). I've enjoyed classical guitar lessons and the pathways they've opened, but still I came back to the piano. So much mystery and possibility there. And range."

And what about some of her inspirations?

"PMS," she says with a laugh. "Seriously, that's a very intensive time intuitively for women, and great insight can come during that time. Distress of any kind, of course, can be very inspiring, but so can relationships, nature, seasons and city life. And books!



DAVID BERGMAN / www.DavidBergman.com  
Singer/ songwriter Alice Marie finds inspiration in everyday things.

Fiction and non-fiction and sometimes a newspaper article, too. Inspiration is everywhere when you're open to it."

And there are other places besides MySpace that you can check out Alice Marie's work. She has released two CDs in the past four years, Equilibrium (which has sold out, but is still available on iTunes and other digital stores) and Angels Near, which is still available through her website, CD Baby and iTunes. She also has a few songs on compilation CDs as well.

"I usually write alone," says Alice Marie of the creative process. "Unless you count the spirits and muses, of course. I've also collaborated with a few friends. I take their lyrics and poems and shape them into a song. That's how 'Daddy's Song' came about. My friend wanted to honor her departed father at her wedding, and it was an eclectic experience for me. The mu-

sic came lightning fast and I still get chills when I hear the song. I enjoy the process a lot and plan to do it more often."

One of the things that shows in Alice Marie's music is her passion for the music itself, and for the stories her songs tell.

"I've gigged at some great places in New York and at a special ceremony in San Francisco for young women recovering from abuse and addiction. That meant so much to me because I've come through that kind of darkness and into wondrous light."

You can hear her music by checking out her website at [AliceMarie.net](http://AliceMarie.net), which will also take you to her MySpace page. And don't worry if you haven't had the chance to hear her yet. She doesn't plan on going anywhere any time soon.

"The gods have made it clear that I have to keep doing this or there's going to be serious karma for it."

# The healthy way to relieve stress and get into shape

**Yoga offers a way to combat stress while helping you to get into shape all at the same time**

**Rachel Rogers**  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

School's back in session. That means alarm clocks going off at 7 in the morning, staying up late studying for exams and trying to stay awake in class. And that means lots of stress.

There are many different ways to combat this, though, as a college student, you can't always do that. Get enough sleep? Yeah, right. Take a five minute nap during the day? You're lucky if you have five minutes of freedom. But there's another way to help you fight stress, and can help you feel better about yourself in the process.

**Yoga.**

What exactly is yoga, you may be asking yourself. Despite what you may have heard, yoga is not some hokey religion that has you twisting your body into strange shapes to worship some sun deity. Yoga is an ancient technique that helps relax your mind, body and soul. And it's something that you can do at any time of day. The morning commute, right before you give a speech or at night before you go to bed.

"What we commonly call yoga in the west is technically *hatha* yoga," says [www.yogabasics.com](http://www.yogabasics.com). "Hatha yoga ('ha' means sun and 'tha' means moon) attains the union of mind-body-spirit through a practice of *asana* (yoga postures), *pranayama* (yoga breathing),  *mudra* (body gestures) and *shatkarma* (internal cleansings). These body-centered practices are used to purify the body and cultivate *prana* and activate *kundalini*, the subtle energies of the body. Modern *Hatha* yoga does not emphasize many of these esoteric practices and focuses primarily on the yoga postures."

Yoga can also help to improve knees injured in sporting accidents, aching backs from staying hunched over papers and books all day long as well as clear your mind and get you ready to either start or end your day.

According to [Yoga.com](http://Yoga.com), "Even if you have been introduced to yoga only recently and consider yourself a begin-

ner, it's never too early to start incorporating these ancient techniques into your daily routine. Yoga is a practice that will slowly unveil its benefits when applied on a regular and consistent basis. If your schedule doesn't allow for a full practice session in the morning, set your alarm clock for 10-15 minutes earlier, and do a few rounds of *Sun Salutations* or any other sequence you have learned in class to get the juices flowing. Finish by sitting still for a few moments to set your intention for the day ahead. With your body awakened and your mind focused, set out into the world."

But why this sudden trend in yoga? Sure, the practice of yoga has been around for thousands of years, but why has it suddenly gained enough popularity that yoga studios have opened up all over the country, and has people spending hundreds of dollars on yoga mats and yoga videos?

"Beginning about five years ago yoga became the 'in' thing to do because so many celebrities and TV stars began including yoga as part of their daily workout routine," says coach Dennis Taylor, who teaches the yoga class here at UTM. "You were cool if you were into yoga."

"The discovery of the tremendous negative impact that stress has on our health is also a major reason for the rise in popularity of yoga," says Taylor. "Stress relief, I believe, is the most important benefit of a good yoga practice."

To get the new school year started off right and stress-free, a yoga class was offered this past Sunday morning to anyone who wished to take it, with Professor Marti Herdon instructing.

"We offered this class as a stress relief opportunity for those who enjoy yoga," says George Daniel, director of the Student Success Center.

"I attended several conferences throughout the summer where yoga was offered," says Trish Guy, a research associate for the Student Success Center, who was responsible for scheduling the yoga class. "I thought that it was something that students might be interested in. I hoped to get them interested early on so that they could have a safe and healthy way to reduce stress throughout the semester."

There are many different types of yoga for you to try. There's *ashtanga* yoga, *power* yoga, or the new *hot* yoga. You don't need an instructor or even a video to do yoga on your own. And it will be able to help you, no matter if you run laps every day, or only count walking to and from the TV as your daily exercise.



TRICIE TAYLOR/ The Pacer

**Freshman Ashley Dover participates in the yoga class that was offered Sunday morning.**

"Another reason for yoga's popularity is that everyone can do it, and everyone can benefit from it," Taylor says. "The out of shape couch potato can benefit just as much as a great athlete can."

So if you're bogged down by stress, like most college students are, or you're simply looking for a way to take off those few extra pounds you gained over the break, but you don't feel comfortable enough to hit the gym, then yoga is something you'll definitely want to try.

And even though the idea of setting our alarm clocks even just a few minutes earlier than usual is not an idea that most of us like, getting up and spending a few minutes doing yoga could help you take on another day with more energy and a clearer mind.

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## Roberts takes over soccer program; suffers frustrating loss to Memphis in Skyhawk Field debut

**Brad Hurt**  
*Sports Editor*

As the curtain rises on the 2006 soccer season at UTM, there are plenty of new faces filling in roles for the team.

Perhaps the most significant change is the one that has taken place on the sideline, where England native Craig Roberts replaces Nathan Pifer, who resigned the head coaching position to accept an administrative and coaching position at the Christian Academy of Knoxville.

Roberts served most recently as an assistant coach at the Virginia Military Institute, helping to lead the team to its first winning season in 16 years. He also served as the head coach of the men's and women's programs at St. Pius X High School in Kansas City, Mo., and assisted with the Kansas City Wizards and the Missouri Olympic Development Staff.

The Skyhawks finished 9-10 overall in 2005, including a 7-2 home mark that included a perfect slate against non-conference foes.

The team averaged 2.32 goals per game and recorded a season-high seven goals in an Oct. 2 win over Morehead State. Four different players had multi-goal games, led by forward Katie Jackson, who did it twice.

Five members graduated from the 2005 squad, including goalkeeper Megan Dempsey. Her departure means incoming freshman Cara Sullivan will need to contribute immediately in goal for the Skyhawks.

"Cara Sullivan will be a freshman starting goalkeeper for us this year. She is very confident in her ability and will make big saves when called upon," said Roberts.

Also gone are the familiar faces of defender Lindsey Tilk and Jackson, who both started all 19 Skyhawk games. Jackson led the team with nine goals and 22 points. Departed forward Dani Myrick finished a close second on the team in scoring with eight goals and 21 points. Katie Hausauer started all 18 games she played as midfielder.

Pifer signed eight players in the off-season and several of them will step up immediately to play significant roles this season for their new coach.

Other first-year players include Sophie Cox, a deceptive defender; Kendal Straessle, a physical midfielder.

er; and Canadian forward Stephanie Krush.

"Our newcomers will play a major role on this team. They are the new foundation of the UTM to come," Roberts says.

Despite their lack of experience on the college level, Roberts expects his freshmen to acclimate to their new roles quickly.

"They have the skill and enthusiasm to take this team far. Once we iron out a few learning errors, we will do well," he says.

A major component of any successful season is the schedule, and the Skyhawks face a challenging slate this year. Along with road games against Belmont and UT-Chattanooga, the Skyhawks will host Memphis and Southwest Missouri. The team will also participate in the Northern Arizona Invitational and will host its annual Puma Skyhawk Invitational. Those games will be accompanied by a nine-game OVC docket that includes a home game against three-time defending conference champion and favorite Samford on Friday, Oct. 13. That game is one of four league contests that will be played at Skyhawk Field this season.

"I believe the schedule allows us to play a variety of different level teams. It will test us against not only local teams but teams across the country," Roberts says.

Roberts also notes the chance to experience a West Coast style of soccer on the visit to Northern Arizona, a contrast from the style of play in this part of the country.

The Skyhawks have been picked to finish ninth by the coaches of the OVC, just behind Morehead State and ahead of Eastern Kentucky.

Even at this early point in the season, Roberts has noticed plenty of improvement in his team along with the potential for more.

"We are very young but talented. We will need a lot of tuition to compete with some of the stronger teams around," said Roberts.

First-year UTM head soccer coach Craig Roberts will have to wait at least a few more days for his first victory at the helm of the Skyhawks.

After falling to Belmont 4-1 on Friday in their regular-season opener, the Skyhawks failed to find the back of the net as they fell to Memphis 7-0 in front of a crowd of 122 at Skyhawk Field on Sunday.

Early in the game, both teams had chances to score but came away empty. In the first minute of action, a shot by a Lady Tiger glanced off the goalpost and bounced harmlessly away from the goal. Minutes later, Skyhawk forward Katie Behrens separated herself from the pack, only to have her shot attempt knocked aside by Lady Tiger goalkeeper Isabel Briones. The shot on goal was one of only two in the game for the Skyhawks.

"Memphis is a very good team and we just weren't able to keep up with them," Roberts said.

Behrens was the only Skyhawk who found a way through the Memphis defense on a consistent basis. Otherwise, the home team was never able to control the ball in its offensive half of the field and thus had very few legitimate scoring opportunities.

"Katie showed great leadership today but I want to see everyone on the team attacking and getting shots because this is a team game," Roberts said.

Defensively, the Skyhawks matched the Lady Tigers' intensity in the first 20 minutes of the game before fatigue began to set in and the visiting team pounced. Defenders Jamie Price, Caitlin Smith and Sophie Cox pressured and pursued the ball aggressively and had some success in keeping the Memphis attack at bay. Even when the attackers approached the goal, the UTM defense held its ground and kept the ball from reaching the net.

The second Lady Tiger goal of the first half came less than two minutes before the intermission and took the wind out of the Skyhawks' sails. Both first-half tallies went to forward Shoko Mikami, who added another goal with 17 seconds left in the game to complete a hat trick. Memphis outshot UTM 8-3 in the half.

The second half was no kinder to the tired Skyhawks, who allowed five goals during that frame, including three in the closing minutes. The loss dropped their season record to 0-2.



Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations

**Skyhawk junior forward Katie Behrens prepares to unload a shot during Sunday's game against the University of Memphis. Behrens' shot was one of only two the Skyhawks could muster against the powerful Lady Tiger defense. The home team hung with the Conference USA team through the first 30 minutes of the game before fatigue and the heat took their toll. They will take the field next on Friday when they play host to Southwest Missouri State. The game is set to begin at 4 p.m.**

## Fall Sports Schedules

### Football

- Sept. 2 6:00 p.m. **at Ohio**
- Sept. 7 6:00 p.m. **Urbana**
- Sept. 16 6:00 p.m. **Gardner-Webb**
- Sept. 23 6:00 p.m. **Jacksonville State**
- Sept. 30 6:00 p.m. **at Austin Peay**
- Oct. 5 7:00 p.m. **at Tennessee Tech**
- Oct. 21 2:00 p.m. **at Samford**
- Oct. 28 2:00 p.m. **Eastern Illinois HC**
- Nov. 4 6:00 p.m. **at SEMO**
- Nov. 11 noon **at Eastern Ky.**
- Nov. 18 1:00 p.m. **at Murray State**

### Soccer

- Aug. 21 4:00 p.m. **at Bethel (Ex.)**
- Aug. 25 4:00 p.m. **at Belmont**
- Aug. 27 2:00 p.m. **Memphis**
- Sept. 1 4:00 p.m. **SW Missouri**
- Sept. 3 1:00 p.m. **at UT-Chatt.**
- Sept. 8 4:00 p.m. **ETSU**
- Sept. 10 2:00 p.m. **Ark. State**
- Sept. 15 9:00 p.m. **at N. Arizona**
- Sept. 17 noon **Long Beach St.**
- Sept. 22 4:00 p.m. **at Eastern Ill.**
- Sept. 24 2:00 p.m. **at SEMO**
- Sept. 29 4:00 p.m. **Tenn. Tech**
- Oct. 1 2:00 p.m. **Austin Peay**
- Oct. 6 4:00 p.m. **at Eastern Ky.**
- Oct. 8 noon **at Morehead**
- Oct. 13 2:30 p.m. **Samford**
- Oct. 15 2:00 p.m. **Jax. State**
- Oct. 21 6:00 p.m. **at Murray St.**
- Oct. 27 2:00 p.m. **Lipscomb**

\* Note: Ohio Valley Conference games in bold  
Look for the volleyball schedule in next week's issue

## New era of Skyhawk football set to begin

**Brad Hurt**  
Sports Editor

A lot has changed since the UTM football team finished the 2005 season but the overall goal and system have remained the same.

With head coach Matt Griffin resigning last December to accept the top position on the Murray State coaching staff, former UT-Chattanooga offensive coordinator Jason Simpson is the new man in charge of the Skyhawk program.

Simpson played a key role in transforming the UTC program into a successful member of the Southern Conference in Division I-AA. For the Mocs, the 2005 season was very similar to that of the Skyhawks. UTC also finished 6-5, completing its first winning season since 1997.

He indicates that he plans to use parts of the existing system, which should benefit returning players and increase the team's chances of repeating its achievements of last year.

"The foundation is in place for this team to win immediately. The system of play that the previous coaching staff implemented showed promise last year and I think that is something we can build on," he says.

As a result of the graduation of starting quarterback Brady Wahlberg, Simpson has had to audition several young players for the vacant position. Based on their spring performances, three have separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

"At this point, if the season started today, James Pritchard would be our starting quarterback. Both Greg Preston and Dexter Anoka have also showed us some things and will see time at quarterback," Simpson said.

The new coach has already seen improvements in his squad in the short time he has supervised practice sessions.

"We had a very good spring practice. This is really a great group of guys. The previous coaching staff already had a system in place that showed some improvement last year, so we feel like we can move quickly without making a lot of changes. That makes the transition a lot easier for the returning players," he says.

As a backfield complement to the quarterback, the starting tailback position will once again belong to senior Donald Chapman, who led the team with 1,396 total yards rushing and an average of 4.6 yards per carry and nearly 127 yards per game. Sophomore Josh Chapman returns after accumulating 202 yards on the ground in only eight games played. While this pair was nursing injuries during recent practices, senior Justin Glover and a pair of freshmen picked up the slack.

The Skyhawk receiving corps will get its leadership from senior Taurean Stephens. The Cincinnati native enters the season needing 35 catches and 475 yards to claim the top spot in both categories

for his career. Supporting Stephens will be three returning wideouts and four new additions. Jordan Cain returns after missing the entire 2005 season with a knee injury. E.J. Daniel joins the team as a transfer from Louisville, while Jesse Burton is a junior college transfer and Bryant Craig is a true freshman from Memphis.

"We have definitely upgraded at this position," Simpson says. "Several of these players have the potential to be very good in the OVC."

Not to be outdone, the Skyhawk defense also put on a show in camp. With sophomore lineman Michael Jasper making the switch to the offensive side of the ball, seniors Joel Kilpatrick and Will Grant provided consistent defensive play and leadership.

The cornerback position features solid seniors Rayvon Sims and Brandon Cooper. Sims led the team with four interceptions a season ago while Cooper returned a punt on special teams duty. Departed players Jack Greenwood, Dante Harrold, Chad McMahon and Jason Hockaday leave the defense without its statistical leaders from a year ago.

The Skyhawks will be challenged by a 2006 schedule that features a season-opening trip to Ohio University followed by a three-game homestand.

"Our schedule will provide a challenge," Simpson says.

"We open at Ohio, which is a tough team. Also, that

trip will be a homecoming for several of our players who are from that area and they will be able to play in front of friends and family."

The Skyhawk roster includes 11 Cincinnati, Ohio, natives.

Following their game against the Bobcats, the Skyhawks will have a three-game homestand, their longest of the season.

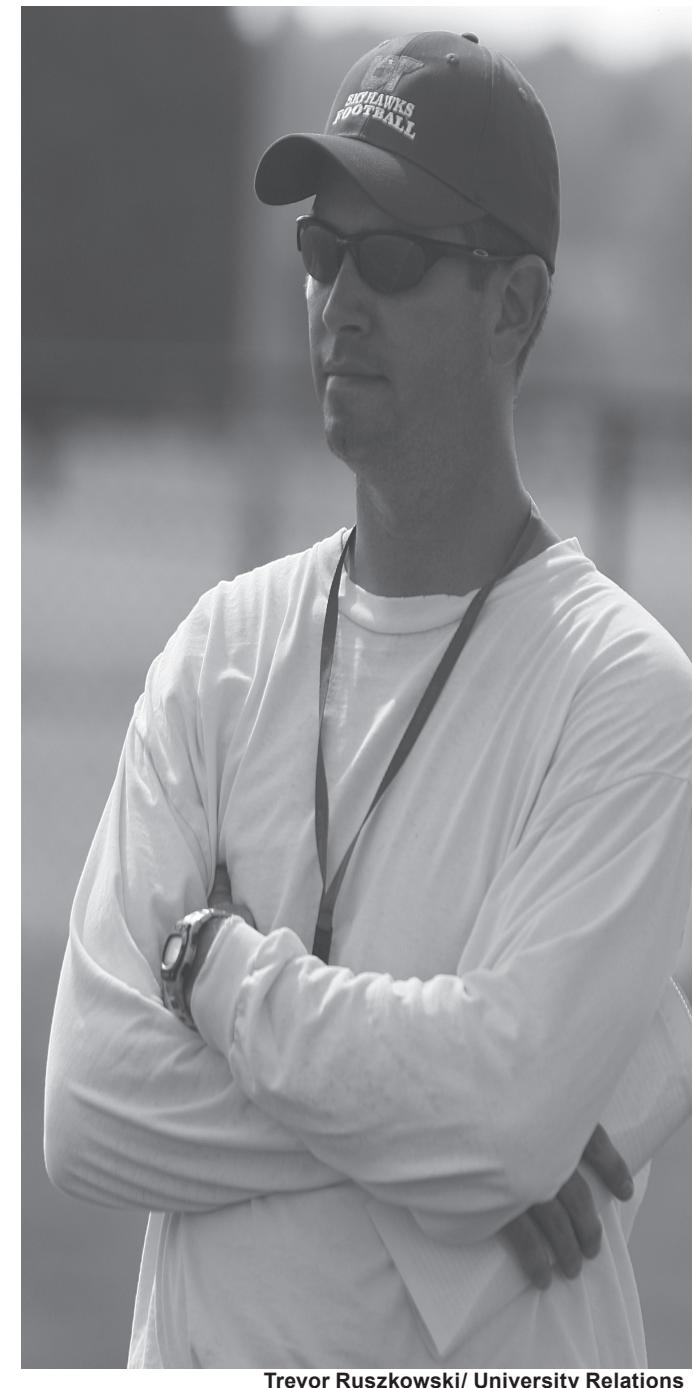
After a game against Urbana University, Gardner-Webb will make a visit to Graham Stadium. Last year, the Skyhawks traveled to Boiling Springs, N.C. and shocked the top offensive team in Division II, 31-28.

Within the OVC, the Skyhawks will have home games against Jacksonville State on Sept. 23, Eastern Illinois on Oct. 28 for Homecoming, and Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 11.

Although they are picked to finish near the bottom of the conference, Coach Simpson believes the Skyhawks have a chance to challenge for the OVC crown this year.

"The way the conference is this year, there is not much difference between the bottom five teams. We have a good chance of competing for one of the top five spots this year," Simpson says.

With a new coach at the helm and youth at the quarterback position, the Skyhawk offense will need major production from seniors D. Chapman and Glover.



Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations

New Skyhawk head football coach Jason Simpson supervises one of his team's spring practice sessions. The former UT-Chattanooga offensive coordinator was named as the successor to former Skyhawk head coach Matt Griffin, who resigned in December to accept the head coaching position at Murray State. Simpson spent three years at UTC, during which time the program experienced a turnaround that culminated in a 6-5 finish last season that was its first winning season in several years. Simpson also spent three years at the helm of Southland Conference member Texas State University in San Marcos. Simpson faces the task of finding a new starting quarterback to lead the Skyhawks, who recorded their first winning season since 1993 last year when they finished 6-5.

## 2006 Ohio Valley Conference Football Team Capsules

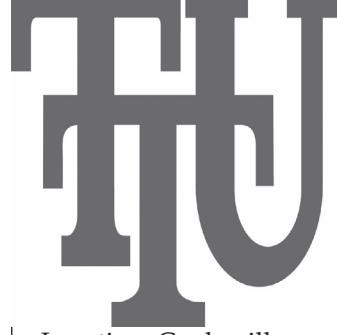


• Location: Nashville  
• Stadium: The Coliseum  
• Mascot: Tigers  
• Colors: Blue & White  
• Coach: James Webster

### UTM will not play Tennessee State this season

The Tigers enter the 2006 campaign needing to forget about their disastrous year in 2005. Head coach James Webster has been impressed by the preseason performance of sophomore quarterback Antonio Hefner, who will be the team's starter this season. Running back Javaris Williams also had a good camp and gives Hefner an option in the backfield. Areas of concern will be the offensive line and special teams play.

- 2005 Overall Record: 2-9
- 2005 OVC Record: 1-6
- Finished 7th in OVC
- Last year, UTM defeated TSU, 42-20, in Martin



• Location: Cookeville  
• Stadium: Tucker Stadium  
• Mascot: Golden Eagles  
• Colors: Purple & Gold  
• Coach: Doug Malone

### Oct. 5 • 7:00 p.m. Cookeville

Redshirt junior tailback Derek White returns to action after missing all of 2005 due to injury. White will join senior Anthony Ash in giving the Golden Eagles a potent one-two punch in the backfield. Redshirt freshman Lee Sweeney and junior Stephen Britton split playing time at quarterback evenly throughout spring practice and both should get plenty of experience on the field this season for acting head coach Doug Malone.

- 2005 Overall Record: 4-7
- '04-05 OVC Record: 3-5
- Finished 5th in OVC
- Last year, UTM defeated Tech, 46-16, in Martin



• Location: Jacksonville, Ala.  
• Stadium: Pete Mathews Coliseum  
• Mascot: Gamecocks

### Sept. 23 • 6:00 p.m. Martin

Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe could have as many as 15 starters in the season opener against Furman who will be seeing their first college football action. The offense will look to All-America running back Clay Green for a good chunk of yardage this season. The senior is coming off a season in which he ran for a total of 1,352 yards, the second-most in school history. In his three-year career, Green has scored 18 touchdowns.

- Colors: Red & Black
- Coach: Jack Crowe
- 2005 Overall Record: 6-5
- 2005 OVC Record: 6-2
- Finished 3rd in OVC
- Last year, JSU defeated UTM, 37-17, in Jacksonville.



• Location: Birmingham, Ala.  
• Stadium: Seibert Stadium  
• Mascot: Bulldogs  
• Colors: Red & Blue

### Oct. 21 • 2:00 p.m. Birmingham

Jefferson Adcock returns under center for the Bulldogs after impressing head coach Bill Gray during preseason camp. As a sophomore last season, Adcock started all 11 games and ranked second in the OVC with 212.5 passing yards and 245.7 yards of total offense per game. Clyde Triplett and Harls Kovacevic return at linebacker for the Bulldogs after combining for 59 tackles last year.

- Coach: Bill Gray
- 2005 Overall Record: 5-6
- 2005 OVC Record: 4-4
- Finished 4th in OVC
- Last year, Samford defeated UTM, 30-22, in Martin



Oct. 28 • 2:00 p.m.  
Martin

The defending OVC champions, led by 20th-year head coach Bob Spoo, will look to garner respect among the media and their fellow OVC members after being picked to finish second in the conference just one year removed from a perfect conference season. Senior linebacker Clint Sellers, the reigning OVC Defensive Player of the Year, is one of 16 players receiving consideration for the Buck Buchanan Award.

- Coach: Bob Spoo
- 2005 Overall Record: 9-3
- 2005 OVC Record: 8-0
- Finished 1st in OVC
- Last year, EIU defeated UTM, 26-7, in Charleston



• Location: Charleston, Ill.  
• Stadium: O'Brien Stadium  
• Mascot: Panthers  
• Colors: Blue and Grey

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- Stadium: O'Brien Stadium
- Mascot: Panthers
- Colors: Blue and Grey

Nov. 4 • 7:30 p.m.  
Cape Girardeau

The Redhawks feature a Sports Network Preseason All-American in senior punter David Simonhoff. During his three-year career at SEMO, Simonhoff has averaged 43.6 yards per punt. Sophomore kicker Colin Schermann and senior defensive end Edgar Jones join their punter on the team. Offensively, wide receiver Oge Oge returns after missing the entire 2005 season. In 2004, he led the team with 33 catches for 426 yards and three touchdowns.

- Coach: Tony Samuel
- 2005 Overall Record: 2-9
- 2005 OVC Record: 2-6
- Finished 6th in OVC
- Last year, UTM defeated SEMO, 24-21, in Martin.

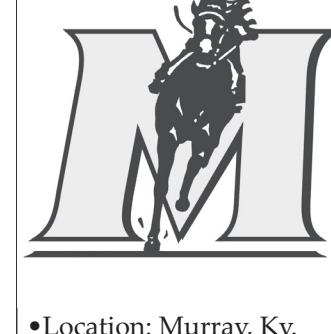


• Location: Richmond, Ky.  
• Stadium: Roy Kidd Stadium  
• Mascot: Colonels  
• Colors: Maroon & White

Nov. 11 • noon  
Martin

Junior quarterback and Walter Payton Award candidate Josh Greco returns to lead the Colonel offense after leading the team to a 7-1 conference record last season. Greco led the league in passing yards per game (260.1), touchdown passes (25), pass efficiency (131.0), and total offense (276.7 ypg) as a sophomore. The reigning OVC Offensive Player of the Year tied or broke nine school records last season. He is one of seven returning offensive starters.

- Coach: Danny Hope
- 2005 Overall Record: 7-4
- 2005 OVC Record: 7-1
- Finished 2nd in OVC
- Last year, EKU defeated UTM, 31-17, in Martin.



• Location: Murray, Ky.  
• Stadium: Stewart Stadium  
• Mascot: Racers  
• Colors: Navy & Gold

Nov. 17 • 7:00 p.m.  
Martin

Former UTM head coach Matt Griffin replaces Joe Pannunzio as the leader of the Racers. Pannunzio was dismissed after last year's disappointing 2-9 finish that included a 1-7 mark in the OVC and a season-ending loss to the Skyhawks in Martin. Griffin will look to senior running back Dante Woods to provide leadership to the offense and balance the passing attack led by junior quarterback Ryne Salyer and a young wide receiver corps.

- Coach: Matt Griffin
- 2005 Overall Record: 2-9
- 2005 OVC Record: 1-7
- Finished 8th in OVC
- Last year, UTM defeated UTM, 49-20, in Martin.

## Volleyball opens with three wins in Wilmington tournament

The Tennessee-Martin volleyball team opened its 2006 slate by winning three out of four matches in the McAlister's Battle at the Beach Tournament Friday and Saturday at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Junior Sarah Jett and sophomore transfer Taylor Noland were named to the

all-tournament team.

The Skyhawks opened the tournament with a 32-30 decision over North Carolina-Greensboro, but then dropped three consecutive games (19-30, 23-30 and 22-30). North Carolina-Greensboro went undefeated in the five-team, two-day tournament.

Jett hit .409 and had a dozen kills against North Carolina-Greensboro, but tournament MVP Theresa Hart posted a double-double with 15 kills and 11 digs against the Skyhawks.

In the second match, the Skyhawks blanked Winston-Salem State, 3-0. The team hit a whopping .488 and piled up 53 kills, led by

junior Kathryn Sprague's 13 and Noland's 11.

On Saturday, the Skyhawks posted a 3-0 victory over tournament host North Carolina-Wilmington. The Skyhawks won 30-27, 30-27 and 30-28.

The Skyhawks wrapped up the two-day tournament with a convincing 3-0 victory over South Caro-

lina State. The Skyhawks posted a 30-12 win in game one and a 30-21 decision in game two. They sealed the victory with a 30-14 win in game three.

The Skyhawks hit .425 as a team as second-year head coach Amy Draper was able to play 12 players in the three-game match.

The Skyhawks (3-1) will

return to action Friday and Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2 when they play at Troy, AL, in the Troy University Labor Day Classic.

The Skyhawks will open the tournament on Friday against Memphis and then play Troy and Alcorn State on Saturday.

## Local softball standout finishes UTM roster

Tennessee-Martin head softball coach Donley Canary didn't have to go far to put the finishing touches on his roster for the upcoming 2007 season.

In fact, he didn't even leave the Martin city limits to sign Westview High School's Ashley Byrd.

The local product played shortstop, center field and pitched for Westview skipper J.B. Suiter and travel team manager Steve Reynolds.

This past season Byrd earned all-district honors and was named to the all-

district tournament team.

As a junior, Byrd claimed Westview's Best Defense Award and was named to the All-District 13-AA team.

"Ashley is a strong defensive player, and can play both the infield and outfield positions," Canary said. "She will begin her Skyhawk career in the outfield."

The Skyhawk head coach said Byrd possesses a strong arm, quick feet and good athletic ability. "We will probably turn her around and put her on the

left side of the plate to take advantage of her running ability."

Canary said Byrd will provide the Skyhawks with a threat to steal bases.

"She gives is a threat of speed coming off the bench," he said. "We lacked speed coming off the bench this past season."

Byrd said she decided to stay close to home at Tennessee-Martin for two reasons.

"I wanted to play softball here and UT Martin has a good nursing program."

## Former UTM hoops starter to play in world tourney

Former Tennessee-Martin basketball starter, Jair Peralta, recently spent time in Hiroshima, Japan. Peralta wasn't vacationing - he was representing his home country of Panama in the Federal International Basketball Association World Championships.

Panama was one of 24 teams selected to play in the FIBA World Cup, along with teams from such countries as China, Italy, and the United States.

Unfortunately for the

5-10 point guard, the Panamanian National team was eliminated from the competition after its third loss in the tournament.

Japan knocked Panama out of play with a 78-61 victory. The team's first loss came against Angola, 83-70, followed by a 101-57 defeat by Spain.

The Panama City-native played under current head coach Bret Campbell in the '00-'01 and '01-'02 seasons after transferring to Tennessee-Martin from

Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, MO.

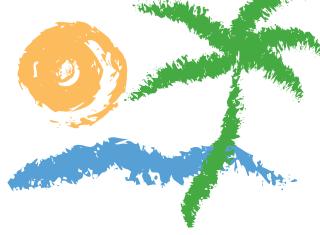
After graduating from Tennessee-Martin, Peralta played professional basketball in Latin and South America, which includes his current spot on the Panteras de Miranda (Miranda Panthers) in Venezuela. In 2004, Peralta was also a member of Panama's Olympic team, which fell just one game short of going to Athens.

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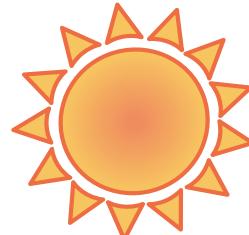
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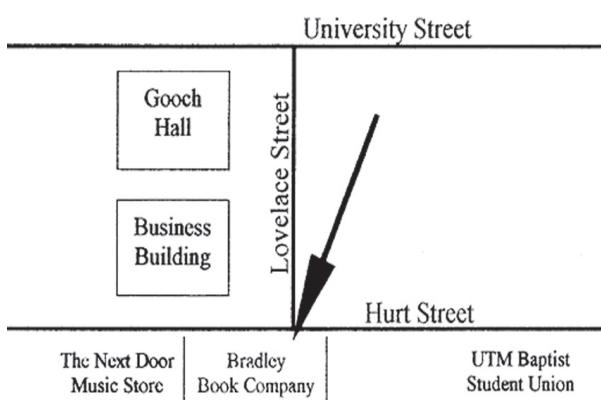
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